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1. BACKGROUND: PNG DEPT. PUBLIC HEALTH HAS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS HERE, 2#8:# #-;3 ?33, 8, 3**3:5 8,:3 1967 IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRE-NATAL, MATERNITY AND CHILD HEALTH CLINICS AS COMPONENT OF ENTIRE HEALTH PROGRAM.

2. PNG DEPT. PUBLIC HEALTH USES CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS FROM SCHERING AG OF BERLIN. EUGYNON ED FE AND NEOGYNON ED ARE USED AND PNG HAS PREPARED ALL OF ITS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL ON THE FORMAT OF THE PACKAGING OF THESE CONTRACEPTIVES. SUPPLIES FOR 1974-75 PERIOD ARE ON ORDER OR IN COUNTRY. PNG ANTICIPATES THAT ITS FUTURE NEEDS WILL BE MET FROM THE UN FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES, TOGETHER WITH PNG DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDS. THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PILLS ARE DISTRIBUTED FREE OF CHARGE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND NO CHARGE IS MADE FOR CLINIC VISITS, EITHER INITIAL OR RETURN.

3. IPPG AFFILIATE: ONLONLY KNOWN IPPF AFFILIATE IS THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA WELFARE ASSOCIATION TO WHICH IPPF GAVE A GRANT OF APPROXIMATELY US DOLS 10,000 ABOUT HALF OF
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WHICH IS BEING USED TO DEFRAY THE SALARY OF THE NEWLY-

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APPOINTED EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE ASSOCIATIONN WHILE SOME DOLS 4,500 WILL BE USED FOR PRINTING INFORMATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF US DOLS 4,000 HAS BEEN GRANTED, OR WILL SOON BE GRANTED FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SMALL BUS. WHILE THE PNG WELFARE ASSOCIATION CLINIC WILL DISTRIBUTE CONTRACEPTIVE DEVICES, ITS MAIN PURPOSE IS IN EDUCATION, INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION. A MALE EXEC OFFICER WAS APPOINTED IN THE HOPE THAT EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS COULD BE PROMOTED IN THE MALE PNG POPULATION, SINCE MOST OF THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES HAVE REVOLVED AROUND PRENATAL, MATERNITY, ETC. AND HAVE NOT FOCUSED ON THE MALE POPULATION. CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS DISTRIBUTED AT THE CLINIC ARE PROVIDED FROM PNG DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH STOCKS AND ARE FREE. FOR OTHER THAN LOW INCOME FAMILIES A SMALL CHARGE OF FORTY CENTS PER CYCLE WILL BE INTRODUCED SOON. IT IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE A BARRIER SINCE THE PILLS WILL BE GIVEN FREE ANYWAY TO THOSE THAT CANNOT AFFORD THE SMALL FEE.

4. EMBOFF VISITED THE IPPF AFFILIATED WELFARE CENTER WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN DECEMBER AND HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SHORTLY OVER TWO MONTHS. IT IS FULLY OPERATIONAL BUT IS SO NEW THAT NO ESTIMATE OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS CAN BE MADE AS YET EITHER BY THE CENTER ITSELF OR THE DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

5. BLUE LADY PILLS ARE NOT BEING USED BY EITHER IPPF AFFILIATE OR PNG DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS SINCE TRAINING MATERIAL DEVELOPED FOR PILLS IN SCHERING PACKAGES. SMALL SUPPLY BLUE LADY PILLS AVAILABLE HERE USED FOR UNIVERSITY AND TEACHER COLLEGE CLINICS WHERE WRITTEN EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL ON USE NOT REQUIRED. IF BLUE LADYPILLS WERE USED WARNING WOULD NOT BE BARRIER.

6. PARAMEDICALS ARE BEING USED BOTH FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PILLS AND INSERTION OF IUDS.

7. A COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM (NON-CLINICAL) FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SAMPLE CONDOMS IS IN EFFECT. FIRST
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CONDOM FREE, THEN TEN MAY BE PURCHASED FOR APPROXIMATELY 75 CENTS US ON COMMERCIAL MARKET. LOCAL AFFILIATE IS NOT ENTERING INTO NON-CLINICAL DISTRIBUTION.

8. GOVERNMENT POLICY IS POSITIVE AND ACTIVE. GOVERNMENT SUPPORTIVE OF AFFILIATE AND INSTRUMENTAL IN ITS ESTABLISH-MENT. OLMSTED

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